

Historic Cemetery Committee Minutes

January 17, 2006

Members present: Shelly Merriam, Roy Henry, Mary Brundage, Sheryl Romasco, Jill Kenrick and Beth Butler

Absent: Doris Ostroskey

Motion made to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2005 meeting by Beth Butler and seconded by Roy Henry. Unanimous

Motion made to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2006 meeting with e-mail correspondence about vote attached by Beth Butler and seconded by Jill Kenrick.

Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

1. Joseph Richardson Cemetery/Unnamed Cemetery off King Street

There is still concern over the Unnamed Cemetery lot. Trans-Canada does not own the piece of property. The town needs to find out who owns that piece. There are a few remaining questions about the distance from the road to the stone wall of the cemetery. Steve Gioiosi will provide the committee with copies of all deeds so we can review them.

The Planning Board will be meeting on January 25, 2006 to discuss this plan.

There has been no reply from Trans-Canada to our letter requesting help with the cemeteries.

2. Buxton Cemetery:

BJ's is putting in the retaining wall. They are back filling and letting the earth settle as they fill in the area that has washed away because of the rain.

3. Norden Cemetery

Judy Collin provided the committee with a hand written list of descendants of people buried in this cemetery. The list included addresses. Mary Brundage will type the list and format it for our records and to use for future reference.

4. Money

Our cemetery accounts are only earning about .5% interest per year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Holbrook Cemetery

The Holbrook Cemetery is part of a new development off Albee Road named Mountain View Estates. (Formerly part of Holbrook Estates) No one from this project has contacted the Historic Cemetery Committee. At the Jan 11, 2006 Planning Board

Meeting, we learned the Holbrook Cemetery had been made into a landlocked piece of property. At that meeting the committee also learned that Mark Anderson of Heritage Design Assoc is the engineer for the project. has been asked to attend a Committee Meeting to review the plans. We are looking for Clarity through deeded access and/or frontage for the cemetery, adequate buffer zones and erosion control, and protection during construction, among other things. The next meeting of the Planning Board on this plan will be February 8, 2006.

2. Lynn Lovell - Cemetery Project

Lynn has sent over the information she has gathered on the cemeteries. Lynn is working on St. Mary's Cemetery at the present time. We will meet at Shelly's home on Tuesday, January 19, 2006 to divide up the cemeteries and review information. Members will go through both Lynn's information and our own records to make sure we have pictures of the cemeteries and to make sure the data is correct. We will also add historical background information to the complete the records. The final project will be submitted to the state.

3. Cemetery Access/Deeding Cemeteries to the Town

Shelly will write a letter to the Selectmen asking about the future impact of cemeteries being deeded over to the town. With all the new construction around the cemeteries, the committee is seeking information about the best way to make sure we have access to the cemeteries. We also want to ensure the cemeteries will be protected.

4. Television Documentary

Shelly has spoken with Marla Zeneski about doing some type of documentary about the Historic Cemeteries to help raise awareness in the Town.

5. Gravel By-Law

Shelly sent a letter to Selectman Jim Dwyer, Chair of the By-Law Review Committee that included all the changes the Committee has been asking for over the past 5-7 years. Different committees over different years have worked on this project. We just want to make sure our needs are heard and included in the review process.

6. Cook/Darling Cemeteries

We need to meet with Dennis Dorr to discuss both the Cook and Darling Cemeteries.

7. Date for next meeting was set for Tuesday February 21, 2006 at the Uxbridge Police Station

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Motion made by Beth Butler.
Second by Mary Brundage Unanimous.

